<u>ABSTRACT</u>

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A validation FUB is a hardware system within the agent that can place a computer system in a stress condition. A validation FUB may monitor transactions posted on an external bus and generate other transactions in response to the monitored transactions. The validation FUB may be a programmable element whose response may be defined by an external input. Accordingly, the validation FUB may test a wide variety of system events.